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1. Ads, Club Reports, etc. are due on the Editor's Desk by 9pm Central Time, on the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue.
2. There is no word limit on club reports. **Minor editing is done** for grammar, punctuation, typos, and continuity.
3. Letters to the Editor must be signed. **Names will be omitted upon request.**
4. Non-commercial ads that are submitted to promote dance events within the Federation area are accepted **only** from ASSDF member clubs, organizations and their Callers, and Cuers.

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## *President's Message*

Hello, All...

We hope that you've recovered from our week of "North Dakota Weather". We enjoyed watching all of the birds come to visit our feeders, while we stayed warm by the fire inside waiting on the thaw, and dancing to start back up.

Sadly, we lost 2 dear, special square dance friends last month. Dorothy Pumphrey passed away on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. She was 105 and, I believe, she danced well into her 90's, and was a part of several central Arkansas area clubs over the years. What an amazing lady she was!! We also lost Greg Smith, who danced with the River City Squares in Fort Smith. Our thoughts and prayers to their families and friends.

As we roll into February, there are many opportunities for dancing coming up, with Valentine's Day and President's Day just around the corner. So, we hope to see you on the dance floor. Check the Special Events Calendar at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> and elsewhere in this issue, to find the times and locations to keep your feet moving, and your heart pumping. Exercise can be fun!! 😊 There is an ad elsewhere in this issue, comparing going to the movies in an evening, versus going square dancing...the latter is much more healthy, and it's far less expensive.

Speaking of upcoming opportunities, you should be seeing flyers in and around your dance halls for the **ASSDF 2024 Fall Festival** in White Hall, coming in October. Grab one of those, and get signed up now. You won't regret it! We're very excited for the great schedule of events!

There'll be so many times to dance to state and national callers. The fun will include cake/pie walks, silent auction baskets, and more. We can't wait!

We visited the Arky Cloggers last month, and Kim tried out lessons with Lanita Hammett. Several square dancers are involved, and it's lots of fun. The lessons are in Conway on Tuesday evenings at 6:30, if you'd like to try it.

If you're starting square dance lessons, please let us know, so we can promote them. Editor Daryl Stout will place them in The Modern Square, and at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers> -- Let your students know about the **ASSDF website** as well, located at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>

When we started dancing way back in 2008, we had no idea this was such a big "thing" in the state, and even nationally. So, let's get the word out, and build square dancing back up. More fun for all!

Blessings and Yellow Rocks to each of you!

*Jon and Kim Fox, ASSDF President, 2024*



## Square/Round Dance Social Media/Websites:

Here are club Facebook pages (search for the groups), plus websites for square and round dance clubs, organizations, callers, and cuers. A full file with links is at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com> under **Resources**. If you, your club, or organization isn't listed below, please send an email to [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com) with the info.

### Arkansas Clubs, Callers, and Cuers On Facebook:

Arkansas' Fall Festival, Arkansas State Square Dance Federation, Blue Belles and Beaus, Guys N Dolls, Heber Springers Square Dance Club, Jubilee Squares, Levi's And Lace, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Square Dancing With Jay King (River City Squares), Star Steppers, The Three Amigos, Twirling Funtimers, and Twirling Lariats.

### Square/Round Dance Clubs/Organizations Websites:

Callerlab, Roundalab, National Square Dance Convention®, East Texas Square and Round Dance Association (ETSRDA), Rebel Rousers (Dallas, TX), Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance, Heart of America Single Square Dancers Association (HASSDA), and the Texas Association of Single Square Dancers (TASSD).

### Caller and Cuer Websites:

Nelda Eaton

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The **full** e-Edition has full color on pictures/ads. The **compact** version is without these for those on **limited** data plans. Photos are from club Facebook groups, or sent in, and all these are in a **separate** PDF file for download (it can be **rather large**). Unless noted within ads, all of the e-Edition links are **clickable**. Please advise the Editor if your email changes; as you won't get notifications on club updates (special dances, changes, cancellations), Modern Square releases, etc., if the email is returned as "**undeliverable**".

## *From The Editor*



Winter took hold of much of the country with a vengeance last month, with many dance cancellations because of snow/ice covered roads, and the brutal cold. Please call before you travel, and if you don't feel well on a dance night, or if weather's an issue, stay home. Our thoughts and prayers also to those affected by severe weather, just before the snow.

While February is the month to put one's heart into square dancing, one should do that all year. An article was published in "The Sets In Order" in March, 1966, titled "15 Ways To Kill A Square Dance Club". All of that is true today, and I hope that clubs will take action with the warning signs. On a lighter note, from Elaine Cox, New Years Resolutions that all of us can handle; see the ads elsewhere in this issue for details.

I've changed the **Special Events Calendar** format to be like what's at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> -- with the **ASSDF Club Special Dances/Festivals first**, then all of the non-ASSDF Club Special Dances/Festivals. Please **support your ASSDF Clubs** with a visit to them! Listings for **special dances** or **lessons** need to be emailed to the Editor by 9pm Central Time on the last Saturday of the month.

**Special Dance Photos** from January, 2024 were from dances with The 3 Amigos, River City Squares, Twirling Funtimers, Pioneers, Heber Springers, and Maverick Mixers. Many thanks to Carolyn Birdsong, Ginny Short, Jody King, Anieta England, Becky Hestand, Kim Deane, and to Daryl Stout for the photos.

Be sure to visit our Facebook page and website, noted below, for any last minute updates, including dances in states surrounding Arkansas.  
**ASSDF Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/hootenandrea/>  
**ASSDF Website:** <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>

*Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman*

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- 1) Contact Information for caller, cuer, or club.
- 2) Club info (when/where they dance, regular or special dance, lessons, etc.).

If your email bounces back due to a bad address, you won't receive notices on releases of The Modern Square, or ASSDF club updates (special dances, last minute cancellations or changes etc.), until you contact the Editor with the corrected/updated email address. And, please advise the Editor if you no longer want these emails. The issue publication deadline is 9pm, US Central Time, on the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue.

Please call before you travel, to check for any last minute changes or cancellations. If you feel ill on a dance night, or if bad weather/icy roads are an issue, please stay home.

Note that NONE of the ASSDF Officers will ever send an email, or a Facebook message, that is asking for money, gift cards, etc. -- those are nothing but scams!! Also, clubs with Facebook pages MUST be DILIGENT policing them; as scammers are posting things like "club T-Shirts", "deleting inactive members", "death of a celebrity", "looking for part time work", etc. (NOTHING related to square dancing). These posts are scams, filled with malware/clickbait, etc. to steal your identity, place malware on your system to delete, destroy, or encrypt your data, etc., where you'd have to pay a huge cost to get it back.

If you see these emails, DELETE them. And, if you see these ads, DON'T click on ANY part of them. Instead, report them to the group administrators, so the post can be deleted, and the poster can be banned from the group. Then, BLOCK that person in your email spam filter, and from your Facebook profile. I highly recommend that Facebook group administrators set it to "pre-approve" all posts, then automatically approve all future posts from recognized square and round dancers. This will help keep that spam off your page. If not, someone will get their identity or data stolen...or your page could be hacked!!



# **MAVERICK MIXER SWEETHEART DANCE**

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Plus lessons at 6:30. Dance at 7:00**

**American Legion Hut  
9925 Leah Lane – Mabelvale, AR**

**Admission \$12 per month for  
members. \$8 per night for guests**

**Phil Moorehouse - Caller**



The Bluebird Squares  
presents our Valentine Dance featuring  
all mushy love songs!

February 17, 2024



7:00 to 9:00  
\$5 each person

Caller: Carolyn Birdsong

Saline County Fairgrounds  
406 Fairfield Road, Benton, AR 72015

Contact Carolyn (501) 813-7239

# **White Hall Star Steppers Presidents' Day Celebration**

February 19, 2024

7-9pm



National Caller Jet Roberts

**Join us at the Sheridan  
Recreation Center**

(1511 South Rose Street, Sheridan,  
Arkansas 72150)

Dancing is \$10 a person. Non-dancers are free. Mainstream with occasional plus. Everyone is welcome!! If you have any questions, contact Rick Gesing 870-883-1363.

Arkansas State Square Dance Federation Fall Festival

# TWIRLING UNDER THE STARS



Hosted by Levis and Lace, Maverick Mixers, Star Steppers, and the Twirling Lariats

**JOIN US OCTOBER 11-12, 2024**

9801 Dollarway Rd, White Hall, AR 71602

**(870) 883-1363**




**Ken Burke**



**Tim Tyl**



Mail registration and payment to Sheila Gesing, 9760 Grant 7, Sheridan AR, 72150

 Early registration must be postmarked by Sept 30, 2024 // Please ensure checks are payable to ASSDF

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets (per person) \*18 & Under free with adult\*

Full Weekend (early registration) \$30 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday only \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Full Weekend (after 10/01) \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday only \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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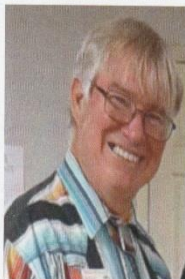
## Round Dance Celebration



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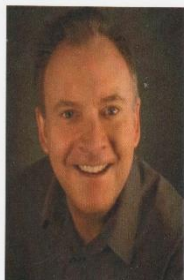
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**Louisiana**

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**Texas**

TIM TYL



-----*ROUND DANCE CUERS*-----



MARTIN  
PHILYAW

**Louisiana**



KEN  
VANTIGER

**Louisiana**

Saturday, March 16, 2024 // 7:00 – 10:00

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FREE DANCE WITH REGISTRATION OF 2025 74<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SQUARE CONVENTION<sup>®</sup>

# 15 Ways to Kill a Square Dance Club

Sets in Order - March 1966

[squaredancespokane.org](http://squaredancespokane.org)

1. **Don't Attend** - They will have enough without you
2. **Don't Pay Your Dues** - The club treasury is loaded. They don't need your money
3. **Ignore All Guests** - You didn't invite them so why be nice to them?
4. **Dance Only With Your Own Clique** - After all you are the only ones who know how to dance.
5. **Complain** - Gee Whiz, can't they do anything right?
6. **Gripe About the Club Officers** - But never, do anything to help.
7. **Never Serve on a Committee** - And if you are put on one "nuts" to them.
8. **Deride the Caller** - You know more about dancing than he does.
9. **Never Invite Guests** - It's too much trouble; but if you do be sure they are below the level of your club.
10. **Don't Learn Anything New** - you know enough to get by; how can you be sure something new will be fun.
11. **Jabber and Talk While a Dance is Going On** - You're not interested in what the caller is saying, so why should anyone else be.
12. **If Anyone Has To Sit Out A Dance, Be Sure It's A Guest** - It's your club, isn't it?
13. **Don't Smile** - Show everyone you aren't having a good time.
14. **Belittle Your Dance** - Tell everyone how good the other dances are.
15. **You're Always Right** - Everyone else makes mistakes, not you.

And if this doesn't kill your club, you may find that some of your fellow members are ready and willing to eliminate you.



From Elaine Cox of the NEOSDA, here are 10 New Year Resolutions that you can easily keep all year long!!

- \* Keep up with technology, even if it means asking your grandkids for help.
- \* Cut back on stress by avoiding the scale every morning.
- \* Remember where I left my car keys, or where I parked my car.
- \* Keep my plants alive for more than a month.
- \* Drink more water (FYI, coffee is mostly water).
- \* Eat a balanced diet. Have pizza toppings that include the major food groups.
- \* Eat more greens...you know, the M&M kind.
- \* Count my daily steps, especially to the refrigerator and back.
- \* Remember names, especially if it's my own.
- \* Listen to the caller, and dance what they call (yeah, right).

Okay, let's check this out!!

## Cost Of A Popular Recreation (Per person)

	Movie	Square Dance
Admission	\$11.00	\$7.00
Refreshments	\$12.00	FREE
Duration	1.5 hrs	2.5 hrs
Exercise	NONE	walk 4.5 mi

As you can plainly see, Square Dancing is  
beneficial to your Wallet and Heart !!

While the costs, times, etc., may vary by area, you get the idea.  
Thanks to Elaine Cox of the NEOSDA for this info graphic.



# Where are your special events?

Please notify *The Modern Square* Editor of your club's special events with all pertinent information included. The sooner **all** information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear. Further information is at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>

## National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)

**2024 - June 26-29, 2024**

**73<sup>rd</sup> NSDC Host City:  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

**2025 - June 25-28, 2025**

**74<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
Shreveport, LA**

**2026 - June 24-27, 2026**

**75<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
Waco, TX**

**2027 - June 23-26, 2027**

**76<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
To Be Announced**

Registration forms for the **2024 NSDC** are elsewhere in this issue. The costs **INCREASE** (and no refunds) on May 1 prior to the next **NSDC**. Links to upcoming **NSDC** websites are located at <https://nsdcnec.com>

**National Squares e-Magazine** is published from August through May in the interest of the **NSDC**, by the host city of the upcoming **NSDC**. Go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> for links to thumbnails of the last 10 issues; then click on the desired one to view, or download and print the PDF file.

Topics covered include Registration/Housing/RV Camping, Callers School (before the NSDC), badges/ribbons, Solo/Single Dancers (not married or without a partner), program books/schedules (individual and total), souvenirs, vendors, dance facilities map, Wednesday Night Dinner And Show, Trail-End Dances, Group Exhibitions, Workshops, Tours, Pre/Post Convention Events, Restaurants, Travel Options and Places To Visit, Various **NSDC** Committees, Info on the Upcoming **NSDC**'s, First Aid, Educational Forums, Fashion Show, Showcase Of Ideas, Sew And Save, General Info, Ceremonies, Ads, and much more.

# Special Dances/Festivals

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The listings of dances/festivals are with the **ASSDF Clubs** first, then out of state dances/festivals in states close to Arkansas (Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). Note that the National Square Dance Convention ® events are always listed, no matter what state it's in. Please send fliers on out of state dances and festivals to [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com)

Fliers that are not yet on the **ASSDF website** will be placed there as soon as possible, and will be noted as such here, once they're online.

## *ASSDF Club Special Dances*

FEBRUARY 2024

### **Feb. 10, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Valentine's Dance.**

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

### **Feb. 12, 2024 – Pioneers Valentine's Special Dance. St.**

Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

**Feb. 17, 2024 – Bluebird Squares Valentine’s Dance.** Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road, Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Carolyn Birdsong. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info (the dance will feature mushy love songs).

**Feb. 19, 2024 – Star Steppers President’s Day Dance.** Sheridan Community Center, Sheridan, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Jet Roberts. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Feb. 21, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers Valentines Dance.** Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Dance at 6pm. Caller: Ken Jarman. Cuer: Marge Sherrill.

## MARCH 2024

**March 2, 2024 – Bluebird Squares March 2024 Dance** (the club will be **DARK** on March 16), Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road, Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Carolyn Birdsong.

**March 16, 2024 – Bluebird Squares are DARK** tonight.

**March 18, 2024 – Pioneers St. Patrick’s Special Dance.** St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

**March 30, 2024 -- Maverick Mixers 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Spring Fling Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

## MAY 2024

**May 11, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Celebrate Mother’s Dance.**

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

**May 20, 2024 – Pioneers Red White And Blue Special Dance.** St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

**May 27, 2024 – Pioneers are DARK** tonight.

## JUNE 2024

**June 1, 2024 – Twirling Lariats Annual June Bug Jamboree BBQ Dinner and Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane). Dinner at 6pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Tim Tyl.

**June 8, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Celebrate Father's Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

**June 10, 2024 – Pioneers Straw Hat Special Dance.** St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

**June 29, 2024 – Maverick Mixers 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Red White And Blue Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller TBA.

## JULY 2024

**July 6, 2024 – The Three Amigos Liberty Freedom Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Phil

Moorehouse, Gene Gancarczyk, and Joey Duhamel. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**July 27, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Watermelon And Hot Dogs Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Watermelon and Hot Dogs prior to the dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

## AUGUST 2024

**Aug. 24, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Backpack School Supplies Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. Benefit School TBD.

**Aug. 31, 2024 – Maverick Mixers 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday 50s Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. Square Dance or 50s Attire Welcome.

## SEPTEMBER 2024

**Sep. 2, 2024 – Pioneers are DARK** tonight.

**Sept. 16, 2024 – Pioneers Hobo Dance.** St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

## OCTOBER 2024

**Oct. 10-12, 2024 – 74<sup>th</sup> ASSDF Fall Festival, “Twirling Under The Stars”**, White Hall, AR (Trail-End Dance Oct. 10). See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. ASSDF Callers and Cuers, plus Ken Burke and Tim Tyl.

**Oct. 11, 2024 – Heber Springers and Levi's And Lace are DARK tonight.**

**Oct. 12, 2024 – Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.**

**Oct. 25, 2024 – Heber Springers Dan Nordbye Dance.**  
Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud,  
AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Dan Nordbye.

**Oct. 26, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Halloween Dance.** American  
Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane),  
Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

**Oct. 28, 2024 – Pioneers Halloween Special Dance.** St.  
Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance  
at 6:30pm. Guest Caller: Dan Nordbye.

## NOVEMBER 2024

**Nov. 9, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Celebrate Veteran's Dance.**  
American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and  
Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil  
Moorehouse. All Veterans will be recognized at the dance.

**Nov. 11, 2024 – Pioneers Veteran's Day Dance.** St. Andrews  
Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at  
6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

**Nov. 30, 2024 – Maverick Mixers 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Thanksgiving  
and Giving Back Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah  
Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at  
7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

## DECEMBER 2024

**Dec. 14, 2024 – Maverick Mixers Christmas Dance.** American

Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane, Mann Road and Leah Lane, Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

**Dec. 21, 2024 – Bluebird Squares Santa And His Elf Christmas Dance.** Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road, Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Carolyn Birdsong and Phil Moorehouse

**Dec. 23, 2024 – Pioneers Christmas Dance.** St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

**Dec. 28, 2024 – Maverick Mixers End Of The Year Celebration Dance.** American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Little Rock, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

## *Out Of State Special Dances/Festivals*

### FEBRUARY 2024

**Feb. 3, 2024 – Speck-Taculars Mickey and Minnie Mouse Dance,** Tulsa OK. Caller: Bill Powell. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Feb. 10, 2024 – Southern Swingers Valentine’s Dance,** Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Ron Mineau. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Feb. 16-18, 2024 – Red River Special Plus Square Dance Weekend,** The Lake Murray Lodge, 3323 Lodge Road, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Charlie Robertson and Jet Roberts. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Feb. 17, 2024 – Rebel Rousers Annual Black and White Dance,** Richardson, TX. Callers: Mike and D’ Bramlett. Cuers:

Christine and Therone Hixson. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Feb. 29, 2024 – Leap Year All Plus Dance**, Tulsa, OK. Callers: Monty Hackler, Shane Greer, and Gary Shoemake. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## MARCH 2024

**March 1-2, 2024 – Mississippi Square And Round Dance Convention Spring Festival**, Biloxi, MS. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuers: Connie and Robert Wise. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**March 14-16, 2024 – 2024 Louisiana Square and Round Dance Convention**, Bossier City and Shreveport, LA. Held in conjunction with the 74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention ® Pre-Convention Dance. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**March 16, 2024 – 74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention ® Pre-Convention Dance**, Shreveport, LA. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Tim Tyl, Joey Duhamel, and Larry Marchese. Cuers: Martin Philyaw and Ken Vantiger. **Free admission with pre-registration to the 74<sup>th</sup> NSDC**. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**March 22-23, 2024 – East Texas Square And Round Dance Association (ETSRDA) Spring Festival**, Marshall, TX. ETSRDA Callers and Cuers on Friday. Saturday Callers: Ken Burke and Gary Sanders. Saturday Cuer: Fred Ayres. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**March 22-23, 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Swing Thru Spring Square and Round Dance Weekend**, Jamestown, KY. Callers: Travis Cook (Friday), Tim Tyl (Saturday), Kristy Woods, Chuck



Woods, and Wesley Fenton. Cuers: Charlene and James Mann. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**March 24, 2024 – 49<sup>th</sup> Callerlab Convention Pre-Convention Mainstream Dance**, Grapevine, TX. Callers: John Sloper (MC), Scott Bennett, Charlie Robertson, Jon Jones, Deborah-Carroll Jones, Mike Seastrom, and Darryl Lipscomb. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## APRIL 2024

**April 5, 2024 – NEOSDA Trails Inn Extravaganza Dance**, Tulsa, OK. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Shane Greer, Darryl Lipscomb, Monty Hackler, Tim Tyl, and Bill Powell. Plaid Theme, in conjunction with the 77<sup>th</sup> NEOSDA Festival. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**April 6, 2024 – NEOSDA 77<sup>th</sup> Festival (Cowboys and Cans)**, Tulsa, OK. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**April 5-7, 2024 – Plus And Advanced Retreat Weekend**, Sulphur, OK. Callers: Charlie Robertson and Jim Howard. Note: **Casual Attire -- Limited to 12 squares**. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## MAY 2024

**May 5, 2024 – 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention ® Benefit Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Vernon Jones and Charlie Robertson. Cuer: Jan Toms. Donations will be used to fund the cost of The Ghost Riders Band to perform at the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC in Waco, TX in June, 2026. Note that The Ghost Riders Band will **NOT** be at this dance. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 24-26, 2024 – Mineola Railers 2024 Mainstream Extravaganza**, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and Shane Greer. Cuer: Martin Philyaw. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 31-June 1, 2024 – 70<sup>th</sup> Kansas State Square Dance Convention**, Salina, KS. Caller: Justin Russell. Cuers: Mitchell and Chelsea Thompson. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## JUNE 2024

**June 2, 2024 – 74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention ® Fundraiser Dance**, Bossier City, LA. Callers: Tony Oxendine and Joey Duhamel. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**June 26-29, 2024 – 73<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention ®**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Info at <https://73nsdc.com> – a registration form is in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**. Take note that there has been a **CHANGE** in the 73<sup>rd</sup> NSDC Registration form, especially related to **RV Camping**. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, on the **ASSDF website**, or the URL noted for more details.

## JULY 2024

**July 12-14, 2024 – 2024 Royal Rendezvous**, Ardmore Convention Center, 2401 Rockford Road, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Charlie Robertson, and Jet Roberts. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**July 25-27, 2024 – 2024 Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA) Dance Weekend**, Springdale, AR. Trail-End Dance on July 25 (separate admission, pay at door). Callers: Tom Manning and Bob Asp – Cuers: Cathy and

Fred Fisher. Main Dancing July 26-27. Callers: Mike Hogan, Darryl Lipscomb, & Tom Manning -- Cuers: Cathy and Fred Fisher. For more info, see the flier on the **ASSDF website**, or go to [http://www.wesquaredance.com/HASSDA\\_Festival/](http://www.wesquaredance.com/HASSDA_Festival/)

## AUGUST 2024

**Aug. 1-3, 2024 – Tennessee State Square and Round Dance Convention**, Gatlinburg, TN. Tennessee State Callers And Cuers. Go to <https://www.tnsquaredance.org/convention> or see the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## OCTOBER 2024

**Oct. 18-19, 2024 – Missouri State Square Dance Festival**, Sedalia, MO. Caller: Ken Burke. Cuers: Cathy and Fred Fisher. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## JUNE 2025

**June 25-28, 2025 – 74<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention**®, Shreveport, Louisiana. Info and an Early Bird Registration Form are at <https://74thnsdc.com>

## JUNE 2026

**June 24-27, 2026 – 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention**®, Waco, Texas. Info and an Early Bird Registration Form are at <https://75nsdctx.com/>

# *Club Reports*

## **Bluebird Squares**

Such is the way of our beloved Arkansas; tornadoes, heavy hail, freezing rain, 3 inches of snow, and 3-18 degree temperatures; all in one week! Now we've got potholes that we can swim in! Lol! (I guess they're going to create a pothole promenade to/from dances until they get fixed. DS).

But guess what! My Helleborus (Lenten Roses) have buds, and my jonquils are coming up!

Our Valentine dance will be the 17<sup>th</sup>! It's easy to have a whole night of nothing but mushy love songs because that is the theme of most music; **LOVE!** Ya'll come on and dance to "Leaving on a Jet Plane", "Key Largo", and many others! There'll be plenty to sing along with!

We've still got to watch the weather this month, because February can be snowy! I will go dark if there's a chance of wintery precipitation. I will post on Facebook, and ask Daryl Stout to send a flash email to everyone if I do. I want everyone to stay safe!

Usually, my March dance would be the 16<sup>th</sup>, but it looks like many will be in Louisiana for the Pre-Convention that weekend, so I moved it up to March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We lost one of our favorite square dancers January 14<sup>th</sup>, Dorothy Pumphrey, at the age of 105. It was very sad, but happy, too; because we know she's with her sister, and her husband, and so many others.

My thinking is she looked for a square as soon as she got to Heaven! Dorothy got me (and many others) into square dancing. She loved to square dance! She may have still been dancing if she hadn't reached down to pull a weed up one day in her yard, and stepped back off the walkway, fallen back, and broken her upper leg.

I danced with the Maverick Mixers Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. Always good to see them and Phil's the best! It was a small, but very enthusiastic group! Someone mentioned Red Wing, and that always reminds me of

Dorothy.

Way back in either 2014 or 2015, Bill Strawn announced he was calling Red Wing, and Dorothy jumped up, grabbed Jerry Short's hand, and almost ran to the square. Bill said, "Now, Miss Dorothy, this is Red Wing". Dorothy said "I know!". She loved it, and didn't miss a step!

But, I ended up calling Red Wing (by request) that night at the MM's, and everyone enjoyed it. In memory of Bill and Dorothy. Of course, I had no idea we would lose Dorothy the next day until later.

Ya'll come on over and laugh and dance with us! It's still only \$5 each!

*Carolyn Birdsong*

## **Heber Springers**

Our Annual October Special Dance with National Caller Dan Nordbye will be on Friday, Oct. 25, 2024, at 7pm, at our regular dance location, the Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West...mark your calendars. A flier for that dance will be on the **ASSDF website** as soon as possible.

Several photos from our Jan. 26, 2024 dance are in the Special Dance Photos e-Edition.

*Kim Deane*

## **Maverick Mixers**

February is the month for love, and if there was anyone who loved square dancing, it was Dorothy Pumphrey, who was still dancing at 100 years young!! We were deeply saddened to hear of her passing in mid-January...she was a great dancer, and a sweet lady. Yours truly, along with many others, had the pleasure of dancing with her over the years...she will be sorely missed.



While heavy rain melted much of the snow and ice just before our Jan. 27 dance, instead of being icy, the ground was now as “a mud bog”; but we had 3 squares at that dance. We appreciate all of the visitors at our January dances, which included Bluebird Squares, Twirling Lariats, Heber Springers, and Levi’s And Lace, among others. Carolyn Birdsong also did a tip at our Jan. 13 and 27 dances. Several photos from our Jan. 27 dance are in the Special Dance Photos e-Edition.

We’ll be starting combined lessons with the Twirling Lariats on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, at our regular dance place, starting at 7pm, with our own Phil Moorehouse teaching. See the flier on the **ASSDF Website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers> for more info. It’ll be an Open House on Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 for New Dancers.

Yours truly hopes to be dancing again by that time, or shortly thereafter, after having undergone hip replacement surgery in mid-November. It has been 5 years since I’ve actively danced, and I hope my knowledge of the moves can translate to my feet!! I’ll be working my way back up to speed slowly, though; but I’m looking forward to actively dancing again.

We’ve planned several special dances during 2024...our first one will be our Valentine’s Dance on Feb. 10, at our regular dance place...see

the flier at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> on the **ASSDF website** for details.

Besides each of these, we'll have 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday specials on March 30, June 29, Aug. 31, and Nov. 30...see the Special Events Calendar elsewhere in this issue, or on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Fliers for these will be on that page as soon as possible.

Note that we'll be **DARK** on Oct. 12, for the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in White Hall.

We dance at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and selected 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays. We have a pre-dance workshop at 6:30pm, then dance from 7pm to 9pm, with our own Phil Moorehouse always calling a great dance.

Be sure to check our Facebook page, or call before you travel, for any last minute changes or cancellations.

*Daryl Stout*

## **Pioneers**

We had the first dance of the year on Jan. 1 – and have 7 more specials coming up this year. Our Valentine's Dance is on Monday, Feb. 12, then on March 16, we'll have our St. Patrick's Dance. Our final special dance for the spring is our Red White And Blue Dance on May 20.

In the fall, we'll have our Hobo Dance on Sept. 16, and our Halloween Dance will have national caller Dan Nordbye. We'll finish off the year with our Veterans Day Dance on Nov. 11, and our Christmas Week Dance on Dec. 23. Mark your calendars for all of these, and please join us, if you're in the area.

Our own Roy Hestand called a dance in Rolla, Missouri last month, and several photos are in the Special Dance Photos e-Edition.

We'll be **DARK** on May 27 for Memorial Day, and Sept. 2 for Labor Day. Otherwise, we'll dance every Monday at 6:30pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, at 511 Coley Drive, in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Please call before traveling, or check our Facebook page, in case of any last-minute cancellations due to weather or other issues.

*Becky Hestand*

## **River City Squares**

We start this report on sad a note, with the passing of longtime dancer, club member, and great friend, Greg Smith. Greg was a Navy veteran, and the one who got us our temporary dance location in Pocola, Oklahoma last year. Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers to both his family and friends...he will be greatly missed.



On a happier note, I wanted to share our Custom Cups we received for Christmas. If you'll notice, Jay is left handed, and I'm right handed. How neat is that?!?! I turned my cup around for the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot, so you could see the back sides of the cups.

Tuesday Night Jan. 2, we had a fun group. We square danced, line danced, round danced, and we also did some two stepping.

We'll have our Graduation Dance on Jan. 30 – photos from that dance will be in the March, 2024 Special Dance Photos e-Edition.

Photos of the custom cups, plus from our Jan. 2 dance, are in the



Special Dances E-Edition for February, 2024.

*Jody King*

## Star Steppers

Note that due to various issues, the Star Steppers are **DARK until further notice**. Please call before you travel.

*Sheila Gesing*

## Twirling Funtimers

Winter really shows up in January, with six inches of snow, icy rains, slick roads, and canceled dances. **Attention dancers, we are DARK when schools are closed due to weather conditions**. If you have any questions, please contact Tom England at 870-449-5135.

We had 2 squares at our Cookies and Cream Special Dance on Jan. 24, which was postponed a week, due to winter weather. A few photos from that dance are in the Special Dance Photos e-Edition. I'll note that "the carrots and celery sticks saved the day".

On a brighter note, our club was visited by the Missouri, Trail Blazers, Caller, Kenton and Karen Sullivan, Missouri Southwest District President, Lee and Pam Gavitt, Rosa Davis, and Joe Alton. It was a surprise, and great to dance and visit with them. After the dance, they carried home their Banner. With new dancers, Banner raids have inspired renewed interest in visiting other clubs and exchanging Banners. Weather permitting, we hope to get Trail Blazers Banner back.

Hello February, Ken Jarman will be this month's Caller and Marge Sherrill Cueing Rounds. Our winter hours are 6pm to 8pm, we dance every Wednesday, at the Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Styles Lane, Lakeview, AR.

Beginning Tuesday, February 6, 2024, Marge Sherrill is doing round

dance lessons, on Tuesdays from 5pm to 7pm at the Lutie school Districts Gymnasium, Theodosia, Missouri. For more info, contact Marge Sherrill at 417-766-0702.

On February 21, Celebrating Valentines month, It is a Red and White Dance; wear any combination of red and white, come dance with us, we love company! Loree Kant will do her magic on this month's flyer. Thank you, Loree.

Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers> on Facebook.

*Anieta England*

## **Twirling Lariats**

Here it is, already February!! Twirling Lariats dance 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays at American Legion Hut Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane, Mabelvale, AR. Our caller is Joey Duhamel.

Dorothy Pumphrey passed away at age 105. She was born on Sept. 18, 1918, and passed away on Jan 14, 2024. The funeral mass was held at 10am Friday, January 26, 2024 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1321 South Jackson Street in Little Rock. Visitation was the evening prior, from 6-8pm, with the Rosary at 7:30 pm, on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at Griffin Leggett Healey & Roth Funeral Home, 5800 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Little Rock.

She loved square dancing, and could do either the woman's or man's part. She drove a car until she was 100, and continued square dancing too. She was always a classy and very special lady, and always had a kind word and a friendly smile for everyone. Her final years were spent at Andover Place. For her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, she had a birthday bash, and she really enjoyed life.

Some special dances coming up to put on your calendar:

Feb. 19, 2024, Star Steppers Presidents Day Dance, Sheridan, AR, Jet Roberts, caller.

June 1, 2024, Our club, the Twirling Lariats Annual June Bug Jamboree Dinner and Dance, featuring Carolyn Cullins' famous BBQ sauce, followed by dancing to Tim Tyl.

July 6, 2024, The Three Amigos Liberty Freedom Dance, Mabelvale, AR. They are returning for an outstanding night of dancing. THREE outstanding callers are Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse, and Gene Gancarczyk.

To be honest, this chicken recipe might even be better than a ring.

## MARRY ME CHICKEN

2 tablespoon olive oil

Pint of cherry tomatoes, cut in half

2 boneless skinless chicken thighs

3 cloves minced garlic

2 teaspoons dried oregano

1 teaspoon crushed red pepper

3 tablespoons of red or white wine or water

1 cup chicken stock

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup heavy cream

To thicken sauce 2 teaspoons cornstarch + 1 tablespoon water

Olives torn in half for garnish or capers

## INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Use a large skillet that can go from stovetop to oven, or a big oven friendly pot will also work.

Place tomato halves in skillet, drizzle with two tablespoon olive oil, and a pinch of salt and pepper and toss to combine. Place in the oven to roast for 15–20 minutes, stirring once. Roast until the tomatoes have sizzled off some of their water, and begin to brown slightly. Remove from skillet from oven and reduce oven temperature to 375 degrees. Transfer all the tomatoes to a small bowl. We will incorporate them later.

Season chicken on both sides with salt and pepper. Sear the chicken in same pan the tomatoes roasted in (no need to clean it). Add an additional couple tablespoons of oil to the pan and place over medium

high heat. Sear the chicken on both sides. Don't worry about cooking the chicken all the way through. It will spend more time in the oven to cook through and tenderize. Place seared chicken in a bowl.

Reduce the heat to low. Add chopped garlic to pan, and stir constantly for 1 minute. Stir in oregano and red pepper flakes. Return tomatoes to pan along with splash of wine.

Stir in chicken stock and heavy cream, and bring to a low simmer. Return chicken to pan, nestling them in sauce. Place the skillet in oven, and bake for 18-20 minutes.

Remove from oven, and thicken sauce. In a small bowl, whisk together cornstarch and water and whisk into the hot sauce in the skillet. If sauce doesn't thicken, place it over a low burner and whisk until thick, just a few minutes.

Return the chicken to the sauce and top with torn olive and fresh parsley. Serve over rice, pasta, couscous or potatoes.

"It is great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life" -- Rita Rudner

## *Ginny Short*



Is your club planning on doing **New Dancer Lessons** soon?? These can be square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, or clogging. A dance partner is normally not required, but check with the contact person noted to be sure.

If so, please email the info at least a month before classes begin, to [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com) – the class info will be noted at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers> on the **ASSDF website**, and in **The Modern Square**.

Info needed is the date, time, location, cost, and caller, cuer, or instructor, plus a contact person for more info.

Each club decides how many “free lessons” to offer...the date noted is “the first night of the class”.

Go to <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources> for an article on how to get youth involved in square dancing.

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**Theodosia, MO**, starting Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024: Marge Sherrill, who cues the round dancing for the Twirling Funtimers, will be doing round dance lessons on Tuesdays from 5pm to 7pm at the Lutie school Districts Gymnasium, Theodosia, Missouri. For more info, contact Marge Sherrill at 417-766-0702.

**Little Rock, AR**: starting Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, at 7pm. Combination Club lessons with the Maverick Mixers and Twirling Lariats. Caller/Instructor: Phil Moorehouse. For more info, contact Daryl Stout at 501-690-8325. See the flier at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers> for more info. Open House on Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 for New Dancers.

**Fort Smith, AR**: starting in October, 2024, River City Squares. Further details will be posted as the class dates get closer.

# Club Directory

Note that **USDA Insurance** for clubs is due by December 1 of each year, and **Club ASSDF Membership Dues** is due by January 1 of each year. Please contact the ASSDF Treasurer for more information.

Clubs that are **DARK** are **NOT** in the **Google Events Calendar** on the ASSDF website (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>).

Note that clubs that are **DANCING** may have to cancel a regular dance, or change the dance days, times, and locations, at the last minute, or during certain times of the year, for various reasons.

**Please call before you travel** to avoid making the trip for nothing. And, if you feel ill, or if bad weather is an issue on a dance night, please stay home.

Please advise the Editor if info for the clubs noted, or for the info in the Callers And Cuers section, is wrong; or if your club is changing their dance dates, times, locations, etc.

Lastly, check with the caller, cuer, or club contact for the dance level, if the club has a pre-dance workshop, admission cost, and if the club is “couples only” or welcomes singles (not married, or without a dance partner).

## Benton

Bluebird Squares – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**  
Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road (Exit 116 & I-30)  
Caller: Carolyn Birdsong  
Contact: Carolyn Birdsong, 28912 Bandy Road, Little Rock, AR  
72223 (501) 813-7239

## **Charleston**

Swingin' Cavaliers – Thursday, 7pm **DANCING**

Hug Chevrolet, 415 East Main

Callers: Anita Vandergriff and Ron Keeling

Contact: Anita Vandergriff, 8215 Tyro Road, Hackett, AR  
72937 (479) 274-9775

Contact: Ron Keeling (479) 629-4736

## **Fort Smith**

River City Squares – Tuesday, 6:30pm **DANCING**

Fort Smith Senior Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road

Caller: Jay King

Contact: Jay King, 1402 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Van Buren, AR  
72956 (479) 474-8500

## **Hot Springs**

Levi's And Lace – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7pm **DANCING**

Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport  
Road

Caller: Gene Gancarczyk

Contact: Ted and Phyllis Keeney, 1807 Nubbin Ridge Road,  
Royal, AR 71968 (501) 991-3292

## **Judsonia**

Blue Belles And Beaus – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7pm

**DANCING**

Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Robert and Cheryl Shaver, 146 Opie Road, Bald Knob,  
AR 72010 (501) 724-3930

## Lakeview

Twirling Funtimers – Wednesday, Dance 6pm to 8pm January through March; April through December, Pre-Rounds at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm **DANCING**

Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane

Callers: Ken Jarman (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) and Donna Gellenbeck (2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)

Cuer: Marge Sherrill

Contact: Donna Gellenbeck, 139 Dogwood Lane, Lakeview, AR 72642 (870) 620-0037 or Anieta England (870) 449-5135

## Little Rock (Mabelvale)

Twirling Lariats – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and selected 5<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7:30pm

**DANCING**

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- \$7 per person

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Contact: Clifton Taylor and Carolyn Cullins, 9027 Highway 5 North, Alexander, AR 72002 (501) 847-2157

Maverick Mixers – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and selected 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 7pm

**DANCING**

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- \$8 per person

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Daryl Stout, P.O. Box 55655, Little Rock, AR 72215 (501) 690-8325

## Mountain Home

Pioneers – Monday, 6:30pm **DANCING**

Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, 511 Coley Drive

Caller: Roy Hestand

Contact: Roy Hestand, 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 329-1141



## Rose Bud

Heber Springers – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7pm **DANCING**

Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Kim Deane, 4326 Highway 92 West, Bee Branch, AR  
72013 (501) 757-2030

## White Hall (Pine Bluff)

Star Steppers – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7pm **DARK**

White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut), White Hall City Park, 700  
Andersen Avenue

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Sheila Gesing, 9760 Grant 7, Sheridan, AR 72150  
(870) 942-2273

## New Boston, TX

Guys N Dolls – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**

Plentiful Harvest Church, 500 North Merrill, New Boston, TX

Caller: Nelda Eaton

Contact: Rhonda Bailey, 111 Wood Duck Lane, Texarkana, TX  
75501 (903) 276-3422



# Arkansas Club Callers And Cuers

## **Birdsong, Carolyn**

28912 Bandy Road  
Little Rock, AR 72223  
(501) 813-7239

M: Yes

[Arkansas.bluebird@yahoo.com](mailto:Arkansas.bluebird@yahoo.com)

*Bluebird Squares*

## **Bownderville, Boyce**

(870) 530-2444

M/P

*Pistols N Petticoats*

## **Duhamel, Joey**

479 Company Farm Road  
Baskin, LA 71219  
Cell: 870- 209-3646

[jdcalls@yahoo.com](mailto:jdcalls@yahoo.com)

M/P

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## **Eaton, Nelda**

P.O. Box 1118  
New Boston, TX 75570  
Home: (903) 628-2425  
Cell: (903) 278-8068

M/P

[EatonSDCaller@gmail.com](mailto:EatonSDCaller@gmail.com)

*Guys And Dolls*

## **Gancarczyk, Gene & Carolyn**

249 Songer Lane  
Percy, AR 71964  
(501) 767-6354

## **King, Jay and Jody**

1402 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Van Buren, AR 72956  
(479) 474-8500

P/A: Rounds 1-3

[jayking@cox.net](mailto:jayking@cox.net)

*River City Squares*

## **Moorehouse, Phil**

4660 Stagecoach Road  
Redfield, AR 72132  
(501) 960-4476

M/P

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Star Steppers  
Heber Springers*

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### **Highest Calling Or Cueing Level:**

**M – Mainstream    P – Plus    A – Advanced (A1/A2)**  
**1-6 – Round Dance Phase Cueing**

**If Yes is noted, they are available for Special Dances**

**Note:** There has been a **CHANGE** in the **registration forms** for the **73<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention ®** in 2024 that are on the next 2 pages, **especially related to RV camping.**



**73rd National Square Dance Convention\***  
 Baird Center - June 26, 27, 28, 29, 2024  
 400 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203  
 A Great Convention, In a Great City, On a Great Lake  
 Register online at [73nsdc.com](http://73nsdc.com)

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:**  
 Jim & Katie Green  
 73rd NSDC  
 7209 W. Wisconsin Ave.  
 Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**For Convention Use Only**  
 Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment Processed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check# or Ref # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reg Form 07/02/23

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC  Check if you do not want your email shared.

First Name & Last Name for CONVENTION BADGES		Subtotals
No. of past NSDC's prior to 73rd		\$
1. Adult	# _____	@\$ 2.00 \$
2. Adult	# _____	@\$20.00 \$
3. Adult/Youth	** DOB / /	@\$15.00 \$
4. Adult/Youth	** DOB / /	@\$20.00 \$
5. Adult/Youth	** DOB / /	@\$30.00 \$
	# _____	@\$15.00 \$
	# _____	@\$15.00 \$
	# _____	@\$15.00 \$
	# _____	@\$25.00 \$
	# _____	@\$ 3.00 \$
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

- Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)
- Program Book & Daily Schedules (\$25 after 4/30/2024)
- Round Dance Syllabus -  USB Drive or
- Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2024)
- Print copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/24)
- Sew & Save Book -  USB Drive or  Digital Download
- Cookbook
- Hearing Assistance Device
- Wednesday Eve. Entertainment - "Wisconsin Singers"
- Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing

**PAYMENT** (Complete if paying in person or by postal mail (US Funds))  
 Check Enclosed  Cash (In Person)  Credit Card  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm.  
 Proper dance attire is requested after 6pm for all dancers.  
 73<sup>rd</sup> NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.

**INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM**  
 1. You can complete this form and pay online at [www.73nsdc.com](http://www.73nsdc.com).  
 2. Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.  
 3. If you have already PRE-REGISTERED using our short form, please complete this form also. Enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 (zero) in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.  
 4. If not pre-registered, enter registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and correctly calculated amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)  
 5. Registration fees: Adult \$65; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/26/2024 - \$32.50 Under 5 Free.  
 6. Prices will increase May 1, 2024 - Adult: \$80 - Youth ages 5-17: \$40. Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. \*\*Only need birthday of Youth.  
 7. Registrations are non-transferable.  
 8. No One-, Two-, or Three-Day Registrations.  
 9. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2024. No refunds after April 30, 2024.  
 10. Registrations received after April 30, 2024, will receive e-mail confirmation.  
 11. If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order payable in U.S. funds to 73<sup>rd</sup> NSDC with this form. Do not send cash.  
 12. If registering by email, omit payment information on form. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

**TOURS can be purchased on separate brochure or online at [73nsdc.com/tours](http://73nsdc.com/tours)**  
 DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.  
 \_\_\_ SSD \_\_\_ Mainstream \_\_\_ Plus \_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_ Challenge \_\_\_ Hex \_\_\_ Contra \_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_ Rounds \_\_\_ Handicapable \_\_\_ Solo \_\_\_ Veteran

**PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS**  
 You must update your profile online by 12/31/23 at [sdconvention.com](http://sdconvention.com)  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE**  
 Check box if you will manage your own accommodations.

More information available at [www.73nsdc.com](http://www.73nsdc.com)



Hilton & Hyatt hotels are both connected to the Baird Center via skywalk.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS	
1	Conv Hotel - Hilton Milwaukee City Center – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 Parking fee - \$5 per day (in & out) for Hilton guests. \$169+tx
2	Leader Hotel - Hyatt Regency Milwaukee – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 No discounted parking \$169+tx

This form must be received, and rooms must be booked by May 20, 2024, to guarantee 73rd NSDC pricing. **See instructions below.**

Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)

S 6/22  S 6/23  M 6/24  T 6/25  W 6/26  T 6/27  F 6/28  S 6/29  S 6/30

# Additional arrive early? \_\_\_\_\_ or stay late nights? \_\_\_\_\_ Total nights requested \_\_\_\_\_

Room request: \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ Queen \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ King Suite (Hilton only + \$75) \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Accessible

**SHARED ROOMS** - only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request. Please list all room occupants here:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.

**BLOCK HOUSING:** Group blocks on hold must be booked by individuals no later than September 15, 2023. After that date, rooms in the block that are not reserved will be released to the general attendee pool. If you are registering as part of a group or block, please complete the following:

Block Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Block Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**No airport shuttle services provided.** There are a variety of cab and shuttle services available at the airport. Uber and Lyft services are also available for the short ride to downtown.

Register and submit your hotel room choice early (on the form or online) to have the best chance of having your selection available, and no later than May 20, 2024. A web link and phone number to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees in the order of convention registration. The hotel will provide your confirmation number as you provide your credit card number to choose & hold your room. You must be registered for the convention to receive the convention contracted rate. No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the web link and phone number which will be provided by convention Housing Vice-Chairman: [housing@73nsdc.com](mailto:housing@73nsdc.com). Convention registrations will be verified.

<b>RV &amp; CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS</b> The 73 <sup>rd</sup> NSDC will not be holding or making camping space reservations. Below is a list of area campgrounds. There will be no shuttle service to or from campgrounds.	<a href="https://wisstatefair.com/ws/fairpark/">https://wisstatefair.com/ws/fairpark/</a> (Full & partial hookups)
<b>WI State Fair RV Park</b> 6 miles from Baird Center	<a href="https://www.silvestone-caledonia.com/">https://www.silvestone-caledonia.com/</a> (Includes a waterpark)
<b>Jellystone Park Caledonia</b> 18 miles from Baird Center	<a href="https://www.racinescountycwi.com/departments/public-works-and-development-services/parks-department/camping/cliffside-campground">https://www.racinescountycwi.com/departments/public-works-and-development-services/parks-department/camping/cliffside-campground</a> (No full hookups)
<b>Cliffside County Campground</b> 22 miles from Baird Center	<a href="https://countryviewcampground.wordpress.com/">https://countryviewcampground.wordpress.com/</a> (Full & partial hookups)
<b>Country View Campground</b> 29 miles from Baird Center	<a href="https://www.lcfairpark.com">https://www.lcfairpark.com</a> (Full & partial hookups)
<b>Jefferson County Fair Park</b> 50 miles from Baird Center	<a href="https://www.reserveamerica.com/">https://www.reserveamerica.com/</a>
<b>Reserve America</b> Online campground reservations	

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## *Club Special Dance Photos for February, 2024*

Please email these [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com) as I want to give credit to the photographers for the photos, especially if they come from the various club Facebook groups. Because of **space limitations, I can't use all photos** (sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view all of these (and videos, where available) on the various club Facebook pages (including the **ASSDF** page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group.

**Special Dance Photos** from January, 2024 were from dances with The 3 Amigos, River City Squares, Twirling Funtimers, Pioneers, Heber Springers, and the Maverick Mixers.

Many thanks to Carolyn Birdsong, Ginny Short, Jody King, Anieta England, Becky Hestand, Kim Deane, and Daryl Stout for the photos.

These are now in a separate PDF file on the ASSDF website at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>

